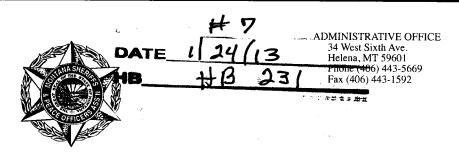
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## Sheriffs & Peace Officers Association

January 24, 2013

To: F

Representative Lyz Bangerter and Members of House Local government

Fr: Committee

Jim Srift Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association.

Re:

House Bill 231---Opposition Testimony.

The Sheriffs are concerned that if HB 231 passes and becomes law their deputies in many, if not most, Montana counties will never get a pay raise again.

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**7-4-2508.** Compensation of undersheriff and deputy sheriff. (1) The sheriff shall fix the compensation of the undersheriff at 95% of the salary of that sheriff.

(2) (a) The sheriff shall fix the compensation of the deputy sheriff based upon a percentage of the salary of that sheriff according to the following schedule:

In counties with population of:

Below 15,000 85% to 90% 15,000 to 29,999 76% to 90% 30,000 to 74,999 74% to 90%

75,000 and over 72% to 90%

- (b) The sheriff shall adjust the compensation of the deputy sheriff within the range prescribed in subsection (2)(a) according to a rank structure in the office.
- (3) For purposes of this section, the term "compensation" means the base rate of pay and does not mean longevity payments or payments for hours worked overtime.

History: En. Sec. 2, Ch. 603, L. 1981; amd. Sec. 4, Ch. 36, L. 2005.

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